they have to continue their old concept of security in this region or elsewhere. Therefore, we are sure that the force of circumstances, the changed circumstances, are going to change these things. We will have to monitor these things and we will have to be making our efforts in that direction. This is all that can be done by India. But we are very much alive to our own immediate security problem.

Theft of charts and maps from Central Ordnance Depot, Agra

*24. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:†

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Navbharat Times dated the 25th May, 1988 to the effect that theft had occurred of the charts and maps of the Central Ordnance Depot at Agra which contained detailed information and whereabouts of the placement and inventory of Rs. 30,000 crores worth machine parts and their usage meant for our Army; if so what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any investigation has been made and if so, what are the findings and the follow-up action; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative; the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Army Headquarters have confirmed that no maps/charts of the kind referred to have been stolen as reported in the news item.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) above, a Special Board of Officers re-verified documents held by COD, Agra and confirmed that there has been no loss of the items reported in the newspaper.

(c) Does not arise.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : मंत्री जी ने कहा है समाचार गलत है क्या, इसका प्रतिवाद अखबार में भी हुआ था या यहां पर संसद में सवाल उठाये जाने के बाद इसका प्रतिवाद हुआ है ? क्योंकि उत्तर में यह कहा गया है 'नोटविदस्टेंडिंग (ए) अबव, ए स्पेशल बोर्ड आफ आफिसर्स री-वैरीफाइड डाकुमेंटस' इससे लगता है प्राइमाफेसी की कुछ बात थी जिसके कारण स्पेशल बोर्ड आफिसर्स नियुक्त करना पड़ा ?

श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही : मैंने जो बताया री-वैरीफाइड है यह प्रेस रिपोर्ट है । री-वैरीफिकेशन, हुआ है । इसमें मिलाकर कुछ नहीं दिया ।

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : मेरा सवाल यह था कि साधारणतः किसी अखबार में कुछ छपता है जिसकी बुनियाद नहीं है तो उसके आधार पर कोई बोर्ड आफ आफिसर्स नियुक्त नहीं होता है जब तक कि प्राइमाफेसी कांटेन्ट उसमें न हो । प्राइम फेसी कांटेन्ट उसमें क्या था यह मैं जानना चाहता हूं ।

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Because reports were there in the press, therefore we thought that it is better that we verify all these things and we found out that nothing had gone.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Lal K. Advani.